THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Some Scientists working in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute submitted letters to the Direcor that they would withdraw from the teaching under the Post-graduate Educational Programmes with effect from 16 January, 1989. These letters, which were subsequently withdrawn, were written to press their demand for immediate revision of pay scales. The decision for revision of pay scales has been announced on 18th February, 1989.

Target of investment by Steel Authority of India Limited

348. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has fixed up a target of investing Rs. 15,000 crores, over the next 12 years to increase production to 15 million tonnes; and

(b) if so, the break-up of this proposed investment project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) In 1987, Steel Authority of India Limited had formulated a Corporate Plan which envisaged production of around 15 MT of Steel by 2000 A.D. The tentative estimates of investments for implementing this plan were of the order of Rs. 15,000 crores at the current prices. The project-wise investments are expected to be finalised as they come up for approvals.

Technology Mission on Housing

349. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Technology Mission for the Housing problem; and

(b) if so the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The proposal for dealing with some aspects of 'Housing through a Technology Mission is still in its conceptual stage. It will take some more time to consider the relevent aspects and to take a decision.

Enquiry proceedings against guilty Officer in NCCF

350. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 950 given in Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1988 and state whether fresh charge sheet for initiating major penalty proceedings has since been framed and enquiry started against the guilty Assistant Manager of NCCF if so, the progress made in the matter and if not; the reasons for delay in starting the enquiry proceedings which have already been delayed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): NCCF have reported that the review of the case has been completed and it is proposed to take disciplinary action for which procedural formalities are being completed.

Action against guilty officer in NCCF

351. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1845 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1988 and state whether any action has since been taken against the officer involved if so, the details of penalties imposed and the position of recovery of the amount from the officer involved?